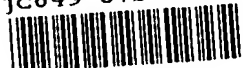


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- ( ) ( ) sheets of Drawings;
- (X) Declaration and Power of Attorney; **UNSIGNED**
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